Candlelit Procession of Our Lady of Willesden



Sunday 10th October
7pm

The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden
1 Nicoll Road NW10 9AX

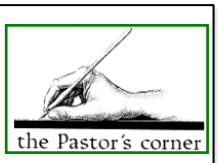
Join us to pray to
Our Mother for her protection,
that she may wrap her
mantle around London.

Preacher:
Bishop Michael Campbell OSA

All are welcome.

Bakerloo and over ground to Willesden Junction.
Buses 18,187,206,220,226,228,260,266 & 487

19th September 2021
+25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners,

'Whoever receives a child such as this in my name, receives me'

What is it about the image of a child that helps Jesus to teach his disciples about the true nature of greatness? The answer to this question must be understood as a contrast between one who is like a child and one who holds a worldly view of greatness. A child is someone who is vulnerable, innocent, humble and in need. A child cannot take care of their own needs. Rather, a child needs the care of parents. So, it is with us in our relationship with God. We are not considered great in God's eyes by being independent, powerful, well respected or successful. This is a worldly view of greatness. The Apostles, in this passage, were arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus, in pointing to a child, shows that greatness is not about what you accomplish or what status you hold in the eyes of others; rather, greatness is found in becoming dependent upon God. When Jesus predicts his passion and death on the Cross he gives the greatest example of childlike vulnerability and trust in God's almighty and powerful love. It is by these means that he becomes our Saviour. We are called to learn how to become childlike and to put love in the first place and follow the way of Jesus. This will also lead us to see where others need us and where we can reach out to minister to the poverty in others. The example and teaching of Jesus lead us to seek out those who are in need, as a child is in need of care, and offer the love and help that they need. This is a call to compassion and concern for the poorest and most in need among us. This week, let us pray: Lord, may I find You in the poor, the broken-hearted, the sinner and all those in need. Please fill my heart with your compassion and love for others. Amen

God bless you,
Fr Martin

Senior School Applications & Certificate of Catholic Practice: Fr Martin would like to meet with Parents/Guardians and children for signing Senior school applications. Please bring your Child's Baptism Certificates to the interview.
Interviews will be held on the following dates:

Monday 20th September 4pm-6pm
Monday 27th September- 4pm -6pm

Please call Liz Duignan 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk to book your appointment.

First Holy Communion 2022
Fr Martin would like to invite children in Year 2 to apply to join the programme of preparation for the First Holy Communion. The programme will be commencing in **January 2022** after the children return back to school. Applications and Medical forms are now available in the main entrance of the church.
The forms are also available on the Parish website
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments.
Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms to the Parish Office by **30th October 2021.** More information will follow on the format of the classes.

St Thomas More Catholic Church

19th September 2021, +25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: -www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

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****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Good luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS

+25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MATTIE SINNOTT RIP LD
09:30AM INTS OF SAMRAT TIMILSINA
11:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS JULIA HARDING

TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS JOHN SCULLY

WEDNESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS HILDA MINOLI

THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JILL LAWSON RIP A, ALEC & MERLE ROKE RIP A

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS ED & CATH GORMAN
FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) ANNE & LES WRIGHT RIP A
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM INTS BERNIE CURTIS

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Parish Administrator – Liz Duignan
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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers:

Anastasia O'Connor, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paul Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh; for Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus.

Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.

For those who have died recently: Patrick Donnelly, Ophelia Dias, Síle Burns, Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann, Brian Berry, Catherine Mary Nolan & Carlos Salazar D'eca.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Jim Richards, Andrea (Andie) Allen and Eamon Nolan.

Children's Liturgy

Bertie and Ginger are the little helpers this week and are listening very carefully....

https://youtu.be/7DCiO1ESK8U

Home Mission Sunday 19th September 2021: Each year we celebrate Home Mission Sunday – a day when the Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection this weekend to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

Fire Warden Training: To all St Thomas More Fire Wardens, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael Catholic Church, will be hosting a Fire Training Session in the parish hall in Uxbridge, on **Wednesday 29th September @ 7PM**. This will be led by our health and safety consultant, Mr Peter Holmes, from Precision Safety Services. Louise McMahon, from the diocese, should also be present.
The training should last approx. 90 minutes. If you would like further information and are interested in attending or becoming a volunteer Fire Warden, please contact the Parish Office eastcote@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 0208 866 6581

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 29th September 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

Church Landscaping Project
"Many thanks to the Church Grounds Landscaping Team (Chris, Bill, Martin, Victor and Margaret, Jake and Gabriel) who helped clear, dig and plant 40 Passion Flower seedlings along the front fence of the church. Next spring we hope to have an abundance of Passion Flowers there.

Also. we planted a Walnut tree behind the Pampas Grass near the Memorial Garden which will, henceforth be known as "Gabriel's Walnut Tree" on the basis that when it produces nuts in about 40 years' time it will probably only be Gabriel who will be around to enjoy the fruit.

Madaline Luckhurst"

Altar Serving – As we look at the possible easing of restrictions we are asking for those families in the parish with children already trained as altar servers to sign the list at the back of the church if they would like to resume serving again. We may have to make up a rota so it will be helpful to know in advance what the numbers might be at this stage. For those children who have completed their First Holy Communion and would like to become altar servers we hope to offer training in the near future and details about this will follow. We will also be giving medals to those who have served for more than a year and are looking at the best possible time soon to arrange this.

Caritas Thinking of volunteering? Caritas Westminster is running a free, online 'Introduction to Volunteering' event on 21 September 2021, 10 – 11:30 am. From finding a suitable role to your first day, we will cover all you need to know to get started. For more information and to register, please visit www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/events or email cvs@rcdow.org.uk.

Parishioners who are interested in welcoming and supporting refugees from Afghanistan, can sign up on https://www.caritasvs.org.uk/volunteer-to-support-afghan-refugees.php
For further information, please contact Elke Springett on 077 3818 3833 or by emailing elkespringett@rcdow.org.uk.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next collection will be on **Wednesday 29th September 2021.** Just a reminder the Food Bank have asked if we could request specific donation items which they are desperately in need of. They are as follows:

Toilet Tissue
Tissues
Tinned potatoes
Tinned spaghetti
Jam
Noodles
Puddings, e.g. tinned rice pudding, custard
Sugar (small packs)

Church opening Time (Thursdays only): Please note there has been a change of timings in the Church. The Church will be open on Thursday from **10am-11am** for Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.**

Mass of Thanksgiving for Missio Local Secretaries: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all local secretaries and representatives of Missio in the diocese on **30th October at 1pm**, at St Joan of Arc Church, 60 Highbury Park, London, N5 2XH.

Our Lady of Willesden: Please see poster in this newsletter regarding the Candlelit Procession of Our Lady of Willesden on **Sunday 10th October 2021 at 7pm.**